



January 2026 Meeting Minutes
at 5:30 PM at Brooksville City Hall
201 Howell Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

A. Call to Order (Pedram Moghaddam called the meeting to order at 5:31)

1. Pledge to the Flag
2. Roll call and establish a quorum. The following members were present: Cheryl Hill, Joan LoBianco, Lisa Council, Nina Mattei, Pedram Moghaddam, Deanna Passarelli, Nidia Pierce, Cindy Mahon, Dianne Greenwell, and Roxanne Campbell, were present. Ron Coles and Dakota Horton were excused.
3. Jan Houser and Kelly Wooldridge were guests.

B. Approval of Minutes (Joan LoBianco)

Approval of January 2026 meeting minutes. Cindy made a motion to approve the approve the January 2026 minutes. Cheryl 2nd the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

C. Financial Matters (Cheryl Hill)

1. [Cheryl Hill](#) Treasurers report shared digitally. Pedram discussed going paperless with adendas, [Lisa Hannon](#) offered to donate the printed agendas for council meetings monthly. Cheryl shared that we made \$583. From Arts and Ales fund raiser event, with more to come from beer sales at the event in the amount of 10% in sales that hasn't been received yet.

D. Action Items

1. Pedram suggested that the Action item concerning future Community Art Grants, brought up by [Ron Coles](#) at December meeting be tabled to next meeting for discussion since Ron was not present at this January meeting.
2. [Nidia Mercedes](#) shared about valentines portraits event with West Hernando Library. Autumn Proctor will be leading the event and offered to donate materials. Cheryl says we, the council, have materials that can be used for the event so it won't be necessary to accept Autumn's donation. Nidia shared that we have enough volunteers.

D. Volunteer Log updates (Nina Mattei)

1. Quarterly review for volunteer log updates are due in January. Pedra stressed the need to log our hours and talked about streamlining a way to make it easier.
2. Upcoming volunteer requests:
FPAW: Valentine theme, Pedram will be at art walk doing outreach. Volunteers are always needed.
3. WWJB is on the third Monday every month. January 14th 2026, Pedram will be on radio discussing Art in the Park
4. Art in the Park-Pedram stressed the importance of council members putting in as many hours as they can at the event as possible between Friday and Sunday (March 13-15). Committee heads for the event shared their committee titles and what they do. Pedram and Cheryl shared that we have 9 more exhibitors than last year at this time. 79 sign ups to

date. The deadline for artist sign up is January 18th. He suggested that we pass out flyers and encourage artistic people we know to sign up for the event.

F. Work Plans: Status Update & Discussion

1. Art in the Park-Lisa shared a Fundraising idea suggesting that we get businesses to donate baskets of goodies, gift cards, themed items to raffle off at the AITP event. She asked that council members come up with 10 ideas each for these baskets and encouraged members to go out into the community and get donations with free advertising as an incentive. Members shared their experiences with successful gift basket raffles, as well as possible location for the table with gift baskets and what the operations of this idea would entail. Lisa also discussed selling cotton candy at AITP.
2. Lisa brought up and Cheryl discussed setting up a AITP coordinators meeting to discuss status plans of each committee. Possible dates for the meeting were shared. 5:30 on the 15th of January at the Council office was decided on at the Health department office.
3. Lisa also shared plans for more "Dinner with an Artist" events.
4. Nidia discussed "Children's traveling agent" participating at AITP that declined because she didn't have the necessary funds needed. Cheryl discussed providing a discount rate for them.

G. Member Comments :

1. Deanna shared an idea to use as a fund raiser monetizing "How to" art videos on social media.
2. Jan Houser, guest, shared she applied to be on the art council.
3. Roxeanne shared she is glad to be back at the council.
4. Pedram shared he will ask Autumn Proctor to judge student art.
5. Nina shared about a woman who makes art out of trash participating in "Art Everywhere"

H. Dates to Remember

a. Volunteer Log updates & Agenda Items

b. **Front Porch Art Walk** –February 7th, 2026 10AM-2PM

c. **Next Monthly Meeting** – Thursday, February at 5:30 PM at 201 Brooksville City Hall

d. Agenda items due January 31st 2026.